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**Application No.** 10/624,267

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Edwards Jr., Timothy

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# SUBMISSION OF TERMINAL DISCLAIMER IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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#### Commissioner:

The Assignee respectfully requests entry of the following terminal disclaimer in response to the office action mailed June 2, 2006. The Assignee respectfully submits that the pending claims are ready for allowance.

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Submission of Terminal Disclaimer in Response to June 2, 2006 Office Action

# **REMARKS**

In response to the Office Action dated June 2, 2006, the Assignee respectfully requests entry of this terminal disclaimer. This terminal disclaimer thus puts the pending claims in a condition for allowance.

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (the "Office") rejected claims 9-28 under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over U.S. Patent 6,750,801 (BS00062). The Assignee, therefore, submits a terminal disclaimer to overcome this rejection. The Assignee thus respectively submits that this application is ready for allowance.

### Terminal Disclaimer to Overcome Double Patenting Rejection

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (the "Office") rejected claims 9-28 under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over U.S. Patent 6,750,801 (BS00062). As Examiner Edwards suggests, a terminal disclaimer in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321 (c) may overcome this rejection. The Assignee, then, submits the following terminal disclaimer.

- 1) Should U.S. Application No. 10/624,267 issue as a patent, the Assignee hereby disclaims any term that extends beyond twenty (20) years from the date of the earlier grant of U.S. Patent 6,750,801.
- 2) The Assignee, BellSouth Intellectual Property Corporation, is the owner of the entire interest in U.S. Patent 6,750,801 and in any patent that grants from U.S. Application 10/624,267.
- 3) The required 37 C.F.R. § 1.20 (d) fee of \$130 is included with this response.
- 4) This response, and thus this terminal disclaimer, is signed by the attorney of record, Scott P. Zimmerman, U.S.P.T.O. Reg. 41,390.
- 5) Any patent that grants from this application (U.S. Application 10/624,267) shall be enforceable only for and during such period that said patent is commonly owned with U.S. Patent 6,750,801 that forms the basis for this double patenting rejection.

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If any questions arise, the Office is requested to contact the undersigned at (919) 387-6907 or <u>scott@wzpatents.com</u>.

Respectfully submitted,

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